

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

DENTON ISD

Transportation Department receives national award

The Transportation Department of Denton Independent School District has received the "National 2008 Exceptional Energy Fleet Award" from the Federal Government's Propane Educational & Research Council. It was received for "outstanding leadership in promoting alternative fuels."

The district was nominated by the Texas Railroad Commission for this national honor because of its active commitment to the alternative fuels initiative and work toward improving the environment.

The Denton ISD transportation department, which now has the fourth largest propane bus fleet in Texas, initiated the Alternative Fuel Program in 1995. It currently has 77 buses that utilize propane fuel, 36 that use Bio-diesel and 31 that now requires unleaded gasoline.

The 2007 bond package provided 44 new buses, which the district will purchase this fall.

Gene Holloway, director of transportation, said the goal of the department is to have a bus fleet that will be 95 to 100 "green" by this fall. It currently is about 80 percent green.

The Denton ISD's alternative fuel program is currently saving taxpayers more than \$600,000 a year. This will generate about \$1.7 million in grants and rebates from the Texas Railroad Commission and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by 2013.

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There Career and Technology Education students have recently competed at several state contests. Many received state and national recognition for their work on various career and technology projects.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS

BPA students awarded top honors at Skills USA

The Business and Professional Leaders of America (BPA) of the three high schools recently had more than 20 students advance from district to state with their BPA projects. They competed in **the Skills USA contest in Corpus Christi.**

From Denton High School, the students who placed at state: Karen Nguyen was named national alternate in Keyboarding Production and received a first place at state competition. Others who placed at state include: Ruth Mokuu - Medical Office

Procedures, first place; Peter Parker - Medical Office Procedures, third place, and Spencer Stewart - C++ Programming, fourth place. The BPA sponsor at Denton High is Brian Redding.

From Guyer High School, Kaitlyn Pound was named National Alternate for her Individual - Presentation Management project.

Other students who placed at state include: Tariq Adediran, CISCO Network Systems; Josh Cain and Jasmin Powell, Financial Analyst Team; Jack Cavaluzzi, Keyboarding; Jess Coffey, Fundamental Word Processing, and Jennifer McCleskey, Advanced Word Processing. MacHale Clarke and Matt Ivory were chosen to be Student Interns at the conference.

The sponsor is Donna Lowe and Brandon Bush.

From Ryan High School, the Parliamentary Procedure Team placed first in the state and seventh in the nation. The team members include: Nicole Lemon, Melissa Robbins, Laura Gilbert, Mariana Alfaro, Courtney Dickson and Morgan Ray. Morgan Ray placed second in the nation in the Parli Pro Concepts Event. Jessie O'Neill placed sixth in the state for Basic Office Procedures, which earned her a national alternate position.

The other BPA students who placed at the state level include: Melissa Robbins, Parli Pro Concepts, third place, and Courtney Dickson, Parli Pro Concepts, fifth place.

The BPA sponsor at Ryan High are Marcus Bourland and Ruby Kovoov..

RYAN HIGH

HOSA students win first four places at state

The Ryan High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) recently placed first in the 2008 HOSA State Conference and Competition in Austin.

The following students have advanced to compete at the HOSA National Leadership Conference, which is scheduled for June 18 through 21 in Dallas.

Two teams qualified for national competition. Parliamentary Procedure Team (coached by Richard Hayes): Mariana Alfaro, Courtney Dickson, Laura Gilbert, Nicole Lemon, Morgan Ray and Melissa Robbins, placed third; Medical Reading Team: Danae Fields, Emily Ray and Whitney Turney, placed third. Herman Cornejo placed fourth in Extemporaneous Health Poster

The HOSA advisors are Helen Hayes and Cheryl Lane

DENTON HIGH

DECA students place at Skills USA

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students recently competed in the Skills USA contest in Corpus Christi.

Marie Trevino, a senior, placed at the state level in the Business Services Marketing event. Nick Shelby, a senior, placed second as an alternate for national competition in Atlanta Georgia for the Marketing Management Services competition.

Barbara Goolsby is the DECA Advisor.

DENTON HIGH

Electronics students receive honor at TSA conference

The Denton High School Tech Club recently had eight students earn awards at the Texas Technology Student Association State Conference held in early May in Waco.

Two students qualified for the national competition, which will be conducted in Orlando, Fla. Brandon Cristwell and Cody Gobles placed first at state and were named national qualifiers in Technology Challenge.

The following Denton High students earned state awards at the conference: Alyssa McClendon, five first place awards and one second place award – Photography Level 1; Charles Crouch, first place and Best in State – Drawing Level 1 and Manufacturing/Recycling Team Project Level 1; Liz Key, Best in State, two first place and two second place awards – Photography Level 2; Brandon Cristwell, Best in State award – Written Engineering Exam Level 1 and Technology Challenge; Eric Lopez, two Best in State awards – Applied Mechanical Technology and Drawing Level 1; Cody Pensabene, Best in State – Manufacturing Recycling Team Project; Cody Gobbles, Best in State – NQE Technology Challenge and Jake Favalora, Best in State – Manufacturing Recycling Team Project.

The sponsors are Chuck Brazil, Joe Faddis and Laurence McClendon.

RYAN HIGH

Electronics students earn top awards at Skills USA

Ryan High had 4 students earn awards at the 2008 Texas Skills USA Leadership Conference and Championship recently conducted in Corpus Christi.

The following Ryan High students earned state awards at the conference: Ryan Donnelly, second place - Electronics Applications Skills Test State Superior for his Electronics Applications Project; Alan Moreno, third place - Electronics Applications Skills Test and State Superior for his Electronics Applications Project; Amy Bolanos, State Superior for her Electronics Applications Project; Timothy Keene, State Superior for his Electronics Applications Project.

The sponsor is Richard Vaughn.

RHS

Ryan High students earn awards

Ryan High had 37 students earn awards at the 2008 Texas Technology Student Association Conference conducted in Waco.

The students earning state awards include: Rosa Arriago, best in state – House Plan; Emily Ashby, best in state – House plan, best in state – Presentation and three first places – Photo;

Trent Darling, best in state – Pictorial Presentation; Sarah Davenport, best in state – Photo, four first places – Photo, and second place – Photo;

Maggie Espinosa, best in state – House Plans; Rena Fogliano, best in state – Jig Drawing and first place – Study Model; Jerry Green, best in state – House Plan; Levi Hoggard, best in state – Working Drawing and best in state – Development Drawing;

Sam Hoggard, four first places – Photo, second place – Photo, first place – Presentation Drawing Cad, first place – Pictorial Cad, third place – Presentation Cad,

best in state – Engineering; Esteban Ramirez, best in state – House Plans; Wesley Reeder, best in state – ISO Cad, first place – Presentation Cad, first place – Photo, and second place – Presentation Drawing;

Micah Rickard, best in state – Photo, three first places – Photo, first place – Working Drawing; second place – Working Drawing, best in state – Working Drawing;

Tramaine Robinson, first place – House Plan; Aubrey Russell, best in state – Apartment Plan; Daniel Sanchez, best in state – Presentation Cad, first place – Presentation Cad, first place – Pictorial Cad, best in state – study model, best in state – Engineering Drawing, first place – Screen Print, second place – Screen Print;

Katie Taylor, first place – House Plan, first place – Photo, best in state – Photo; Ben Telaneus, three first places – Photo, two best in state – Photo, best in state, Presentation Cad, first place – Single Participation;

Tom Tryon, two first places – Photo, two third place – Photo, best in state – Photo; Ian Vance, second place, Working Drawing; Jenna Brown, first place – Photo, two second places – Photo, first place – Architectural Presentation,

Lorin Davis, best in state – Community Plans, Jesus Delgado, best in state – House Plan, Greta Martino, eight first places – Photo, two second places – Photo, best in state – Photo, best in state – Study Model; Ryan Mathieson, two best in state – Photo, three second places – Photo; Morgen McSween, two first place – Photo, four second places – Photo, one third place – Photo, best in state – Photo, best in state Condo Plan; Taylor Olivarez, third place Presentation Drawing Cad, Brooke Pels, best in state – House Plan;

Katie Pole, best in state – Architectural Presentation, best in state – Model, Stephanie Routh, best in state – Jig Draw Cad, Pablo Soberanes, best in state – Presentation Cad, first place – Presentation Cad; Josh Blackwell, first place – Photo and second place – Photo.